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Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawing of Figure 2 bridging pages 17 and 18 of the specification as follows.

Figure 2: Map of plasmid PxKgpmexp

The abbreviations and symbols are defined as follows:

per: copy of number control gene from pGA1

oriE: plasmid-coded origin of replication from E. coli

rep: plasmid-coded origin of replication from C. glutamicum plasmid pGA1

Ptrc: trc promoter from pTRC99A

T1, T2: terminator regions 1 and 2 from pTRC99A

lacIq: repressor gene of the lac operon

Kan: kanamycin resistance gene

gpm: gpm gene from C. glutamicum, which encodes phosphoglycerate mutase

EcoRI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme EcoRI

Ecl136II cleavage site of the restriction enzyme ecl136II

HindIII cleavage site of the restriction enzyme HindIII

KpnI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme KpnI

SalI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme SalI

SmaI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme SmaI

PstI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme PstI

BamHI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme BamHI

NcoI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme NcoI

XbaI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme Xba1

XmaI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme XmaI

SacI: cleavage site of the restriction enzyme SacI